

North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association

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Co Chair, Legislative Commission on Global Climate Change
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RE: Review of draft of Final Report to General Assembly and the
 Environmental Review Commission (March 15th Draft)

Dear Rep. Harrison and Mr. Garrou:

As a follow up to the meeting of the Global Climate Change Commission this past Monday, I have reviewed the draft report which was distributed at the meeting and subsequently emailed to all members of the commission. I would like to highlight the areas below which concern me as currently written in the draft report.

Recommendations for Future Consideration I am greatly concerned that the "Recommendations for Future Consideration" which starts on page 41 and ends on Page 45, implies that these propositions have been presented, reviewed and approved by the entire Commission. Further, noting on page 13 that the recommendations "were voted on as a whole set" could create the unintended consequence of implying that each and every recommendation was supported by the Commission.

In order to present the recommendations as fairly and accurately as possible, I encourage either of the following two options. One, completely disclose in the lead paragraph on page 41 that these recommendations were the recommendations of the individual Commission members and have not been fully reviewed and discussed by the entire Commission or, two, in light of the Commission not having the time to review the recommendations, completely omit the Future Recommendations from the final report.

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Discussion regarding Vehicle Miles Traveled The vehicle miles traveled recommendation (#20 on page 44) is an overarching concept that has not been directly discussed by the Commission. In light of North Carolina's population increase and the state's lagging efforts to implement mass transit systems in major metropolitan areas, I am concerned that this recommendation could be misconstrued to imply, among other strategies, the adoption of a vehicle miles tax or the adoption of California emissions in North Carolina. Neither of these has been directly debated by the Commission. If the recommendations are to remain in the report, I ask that the draft be edited to remove "reduce vehicle miles traveled" from #20.

Inclusion of Minority Report As a member of the Commission, I would encourage that a minority opinion be included in the final report. A minority report, I believe, is justified in light of the recent developments related to the manipulation of climate data as well as the overall economic conditions experienced in North Carolina and across the Nation. Alternatively, a February 5, 2010 letter from Mr. Thomas Cecich and Ms. Caroline Choi to the Commission co-chairs could be reviewed for possible inclusion in the Recommendations section of the report or as a basis for a minority report.

Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter and I appreciate the opportunity to serve the State as a member of the Legislative Commission on Global Climate Change. Additionally, I'd like to express my appreciation to both of you for leading the Commission over the past 4 years and to the staff in Raleigh for their efforts in chaperoning the work of the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. J. Glaser", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Robert J. Glaser
Commission Member